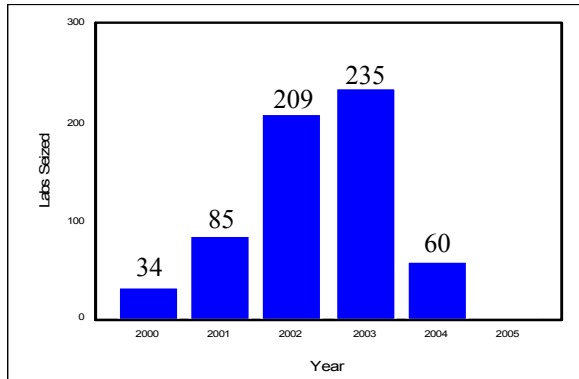


METH IN NORTH DAKOTA

METH LABS SEIZED SINCE 2000:



2005 data is currently not available.

Resource: Drug Enforcement Administration, 2005

LOCATION OF METH:

No specific information is available on the percentage of rural or urban locations of meth in North Dakota. However, due to the extreme rural nature of the state and its dependence on the agriculture industry, there is a high level of use and availability of anhydrous ammonia among the state's legitimate agricultural community.

ORIGIN OF METH:

Law enforcement officials seized more meth statewide in 1999 than during the previous 4 years combined. The number of meth lab seizures has also dramatically increased since 1998.

IMPACT OF LAW LIMITING SALE OF COLD MEDECINE:

North Dakota HB 1346, which took effect June 1, 2005, limits the amount of methamphetamine precursor drugs that can be sold at one time and requires written documentation of the purchase in a retail log book. All products that contain methamphetamine precursor drugs must be kept behind the counter and purchasers must be at least 18 years old with a valid ID.

METH WATCH PROGRAM:

The North Dakota Retailers Meth Watch Program is a partnership between the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and a number of concerned North Dakota retailers. The program's goals are to raise awareness across the state, educate and train retail employees, and limit the accessibility of meth precursors.

IMPACT OF METH ON TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Mexican criminal groups and other organized criminal entities use Interstates 29 and 94 to transport meth into North Dakota. It is estimated that 15 to 20 pounds of meth enter a given jurisdiction every 2 weeks via private vehicles. Therefore, traffic interdiction stops and meth training are particularly important for traffic safety in North Dakota.



LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE:

North Dakota's Organized Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and local drug task forces combine efforts to help battle the trafficking of meth throughout the state. With the advent of new types of labs that North Dakota law enforcement officers are encountering, such as those found in briefcases and caves, continued and up-to-date training is necessary. Midwest HIDTA teams have also been established in North Dakota to fight the overwhelming increase in and manufacture and distribution of meth.

CHILDREN IN SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM DUE TO METH:

While there are no specific numbers available for children in North Dakota's social service system due to meth, hundreds of children every year receive services from many different agencies to help them recover from the effects of exposure to meth or living with meth addicted adults/parents/guardians.

PROTECTING DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN:

The North Dakota legislature has implemented HB 1351, which took effect in 2003, to address concerns of drug endangered children. The bill establishes that any person who knowingly and intentionally causes or permits the exposure to chemical or controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia or the injury of a child in relation to this exposure is guilty of a Class C or B felony, unless death results, in which case the person is guilty of a Class A felony child endangerment.

REHABILITATING METH ADDICTS:

SB 2373, which took effect July 1, 2005, is an act that provides for the implementation of a pilot program for the treatment of individuals who are chemically dependent on meth or other controlled substances. The bill requires that a report be submitted to the general assembly regarding the results of an evaluation of the pilot program and that proper appropriations be made towards the program. It is currently too early in the pilot treatment program to see measurable results.

CLEANING UP METH LABS:

North Dakota's Department of Health, Division of Waste Management, has created *Best Management Practices for Cleanups at Methamphetamine Labs*. Currently there is no state law mandating the remediation of former meth labs and no levels of cleanliness or contractor certifications have been identified.

BEST PRACTICES:

- ◆ None Identified

For more information about North Dakota's efforts to fight the war against meth please Call the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation at 1-800-472-2185

